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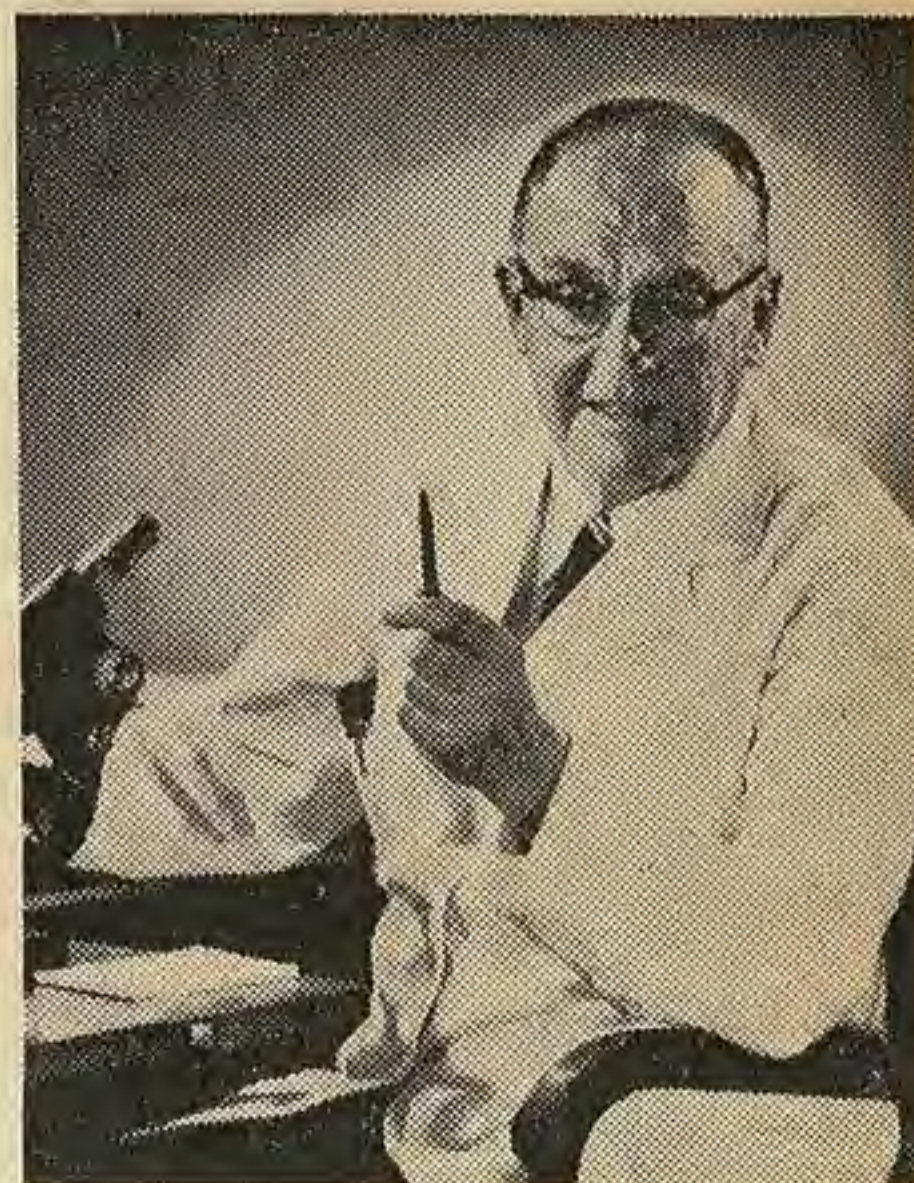
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AS ANY! THE NAME'S **JERRY ROBBINS**, AND THEY
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PILOT! I'M ON A TYPICAL JOB---



CONGRATS,
JERRY, OLD
BOY! MOST
TERRIFIC
DIVE I EVER
SAW!

BOY, WHAT
NERVE! YOU'RE
ALL THERE,
KID!

YEAH---
YEAH---
THANKS!



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OH---HI! I'M **JERRY ROBBINS**, ACE TEST PILOT---
UNDERSTAND YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW SOMETHING
ABOUT ME! WELL, THERE'S NOT MUCH TO TELL!
I STARTED OUT AS A FLYER DURING THE KOREAN
WAR, AND SHOT DOWN 34 MIGS! I GUESS YOU
MIGHT SAY I MASTERED THE ART OF
FLYING THEN---



YES, FLYING WAS ALL I KNEW WHEN I GOT BACK TO
CIVILIAN LIFE---AND I WASN'T AFRAID OF ANYTHING
THAT COULD TAKE TO THE AIR! SO I BECAME A
TEST PILOT---FOLKS CALL ME THE BEST ONE IN
AMERICA, WHICH IS NICE TO HEAR, BUT I FIGURE
IT'S JUST THEIR WAY OF TALKING!



THAT'S ABOUT ALL I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT MYSELF
---EXCEPT I'D LIKE TO GET IN A PLUG FOR MY GIRL,
MYRNA WINSUM! WE'VE BEEN SORT OF CHILDHOOD
SWEETHEARTS, I GUESS YOU'D CALL IT---AND NOW
WE'RE ENGAGED!

YOU DON'T KEEP A GIRL LIKE MYRNA WAITING---EVEN
IF YOU KNOW THAT ON EVERY DATE, SHE'S GOING TO
BRING UP THE SAME OLD SUBJECT---



HERE SHE IS---**NIFTY**, HUH? I'M
IN A RUSH TO KEEP A DATE WITH HER
NOW---SO IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL
LEAVE YOU!



---AND THEN I PUT HER
INTO A POWER DIVE AT
1200 MPH---AND FOR A
SECOND, I THOUGHT I
WASN'T GOING TO BE
ABLE TO PULL HER
OUT!

THAT'S WHAT I
OBJECT TO---THOSE CON-
STANT RISKS! I'VE TOLD
YOU BEFORE---I DON'T
WANT TO BE MARRIED TO A
MAN AND NOT KNOW WHETHER
I'M EVER GOING TO SEE HIM
AGAIN EACH MORNING WHEN
I KISS
HIM GOOD-
BYE!

SHE'D GET INTO THESE MOODS SOME-
TIMES---BUT WE'D KNOWN EACH OTHER
SO LONG THAT SHE WAS PART OF ME!
I'D EVEN EXCUSE HER LACK OF
ENTHUSIASM WHEN I KISSED HER
---WOMEN'S WHIMS, I FIGURED---

YEAH, I WAS A GUY WITH EVERYTHING
TO LIVE FOR---UNTIL THE DAY I GOT THAT
FATEFUL TELEGRAM---

BUT SHE'D DONE IT, ALL RIGHT---AND
LIFE BECAME A BITTER THING! I WAS
PRETTY TOUGH ON THE PEOPLE AROUND
ME, I GUESS---



GOLLY, MYRNA---
I'M SO CRAZY
ABOUT YOU---



OH, NO---**NO!**
SHE COULDN'T---
DO THIS TO ME---

GOLLY, DID YOU SEE THAT? ALL I SAID
TO HIM WAS THAT THERE'S SOME BIG
SHOT WAITING TO SEE HIM---AND HE
PRACTICALLY SNAPS MY HEAD OFF!

HE HATES EVERYBODY IN THE
WORLD SINCE THAT GIRL THREW
HIM OVER! MATTER OF FACT,
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO CARE
WHETHER HE LIVES OR
DIES!



MY VISITOR WAS PROFESSOR ALONZO BELDING, THE COUNTRY'S LEADING ROCKET SCIENTIST...

I'VE JUST FINISHED A SPECIAL GIANT ROCKET--AN EXPERIMENTAL JOB THEY MADE ME RUSH TO COMPLETION IN ANSWER TO RUSSIAN PROGRESS! IT'S GOT A TREMENDOUS POWER PLANT THAT SHOULD KEEP IT ALOFT IN SPACE NO MATTER HOW FAR THE DESTINATION---

WHEN YOU GET FINISHED BRAGGING, BUDDY, SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHY YOU'RE TAKING UP MY TIME!

WELL--AS I SAY, IT **SHOULD** STAY UP---BUT WE FINISHED IT IN SUCH A RUSH THAT--- WELL---WE CAN'T GET ANYBODY TO TEST FLY IT! I---I DON'T SUPPOSE **YOU'D** CARE TO BE THE FIRST MAN EVER TO TEST A SPACE ROCKET, WOULD YOU? NO---I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD---

HOLD IT---WHO ASKED YOU TO PUT WORDS INTO MY MOUTH? WHO CARES ABOUT THE RISK? MISTER---**YOU GOT YOURSELF A TEST PILOT!**

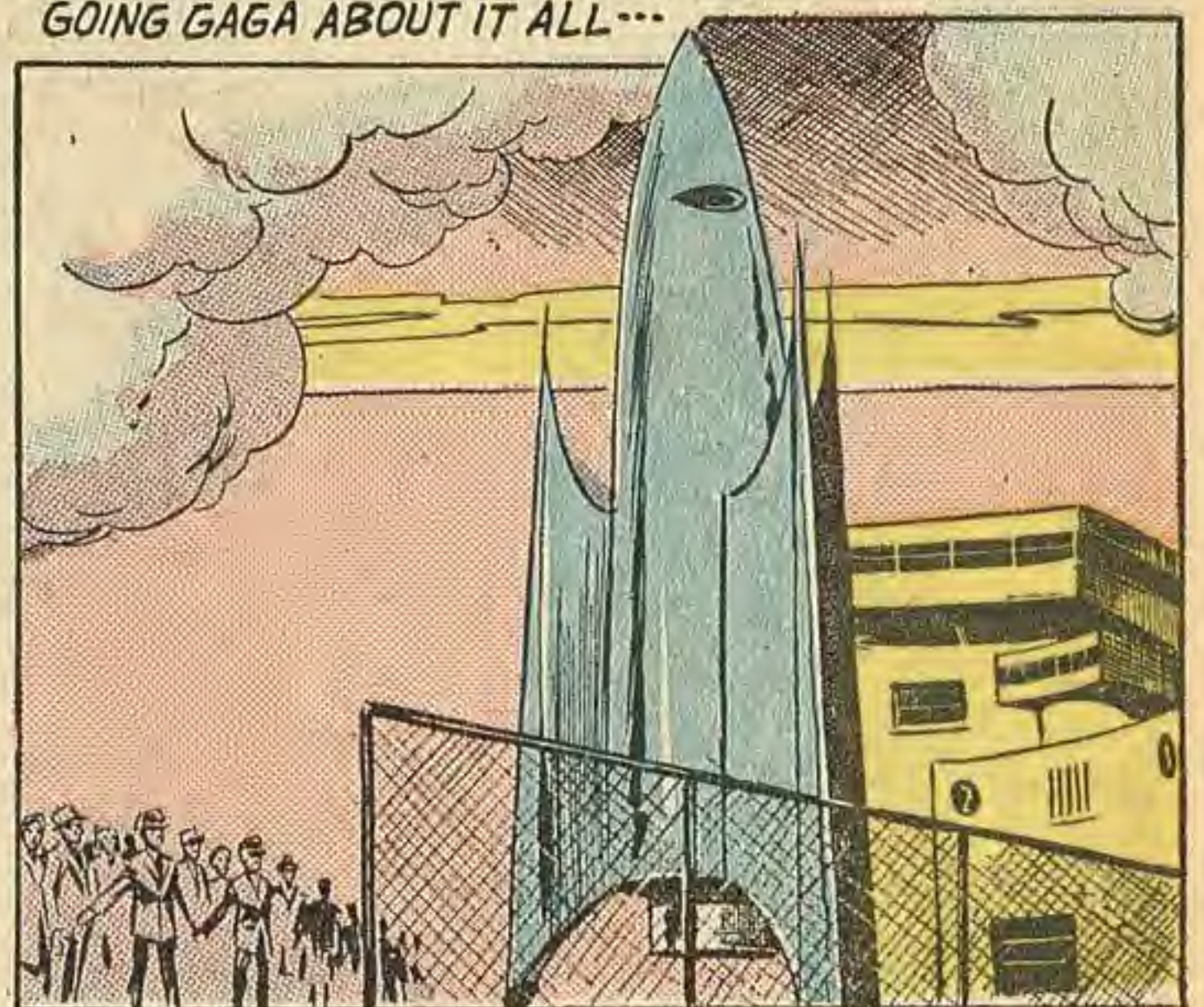
I WASN'T RUNNING AWAY FROM DANGER---I **WANTED** IT! I SUPPOSE I HAD SOME SORT OF CRAZY IDEA IN MY HEAD ABOUT **SHOWING** HER---

I WAS THE BIG HERO, ALL RIGHT---AND I'VE GOT TO ADMIT I LIKED THE IDEA! BEFORE YOU KNEW IT, IT WAS **BLAST-OFF** TIME, WITH THE WHOLE COUNTRY GOING GAGA ABOUT IT ALL---

NEW YORK STAR

BELDING'S NEW SPACE ROCKET TO GET TRYOUT

JERRY ROBBINS, ACE TEST PILOT, LAUGHS OFF WARNINGS OF PERIL



JUST ABOUT THREE SECONDS LEFT! I'VE GOT A FUNNY FEELING IN THE PIT OF MY STOMACH!

3 SECONDS---2 SECONDS---1 SECOND---**ZERO!** AND THEN MY STOMACH SEEMED TO DROP THROUGH MY SHOES---AND I WEIGHED TEN TONS---



UP, UP AND OUT INTO SPACE! THERE I WAS... ME, JERRY ROBBINS... UP FURTHER THAN ANY OTHER MAN HAD EVER MOUNTED...



EVERYTHING WAS GOING SMOOTHLY... TOO SMOOTHLY! THE FOLKS DOWN ON EARTH WERE GETTING USED TO MY CHEERY BROADCASTS... UNTIL THE FATEFUL TIME WHEN...

ROCKET PILOT ROBBINS REPORTING! THERE'S SOMETHING UP... THE MOTORS HAVE DEVELOPED A STRANGE SOUND, AND I DON'T LIKE IT!



I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, BUT THERE WAS REASON APLENTY FOR THAT STRANGE SOUND! DEEP IN THE INNERMOST RECESSES OF THE MIGHTY TURBINES, A BEARING HAD FROZEN... AND EVEN NOW, THE FLAMES WERE SURGING UP...



I WASN'T KEPT IN THE DARK VERY LONG! WITHIN MOMENTS, THE ROCKET WAS IN THE FIERY GRIP OF A ROARING BLAZE! THERE WAS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE WAY OUT...

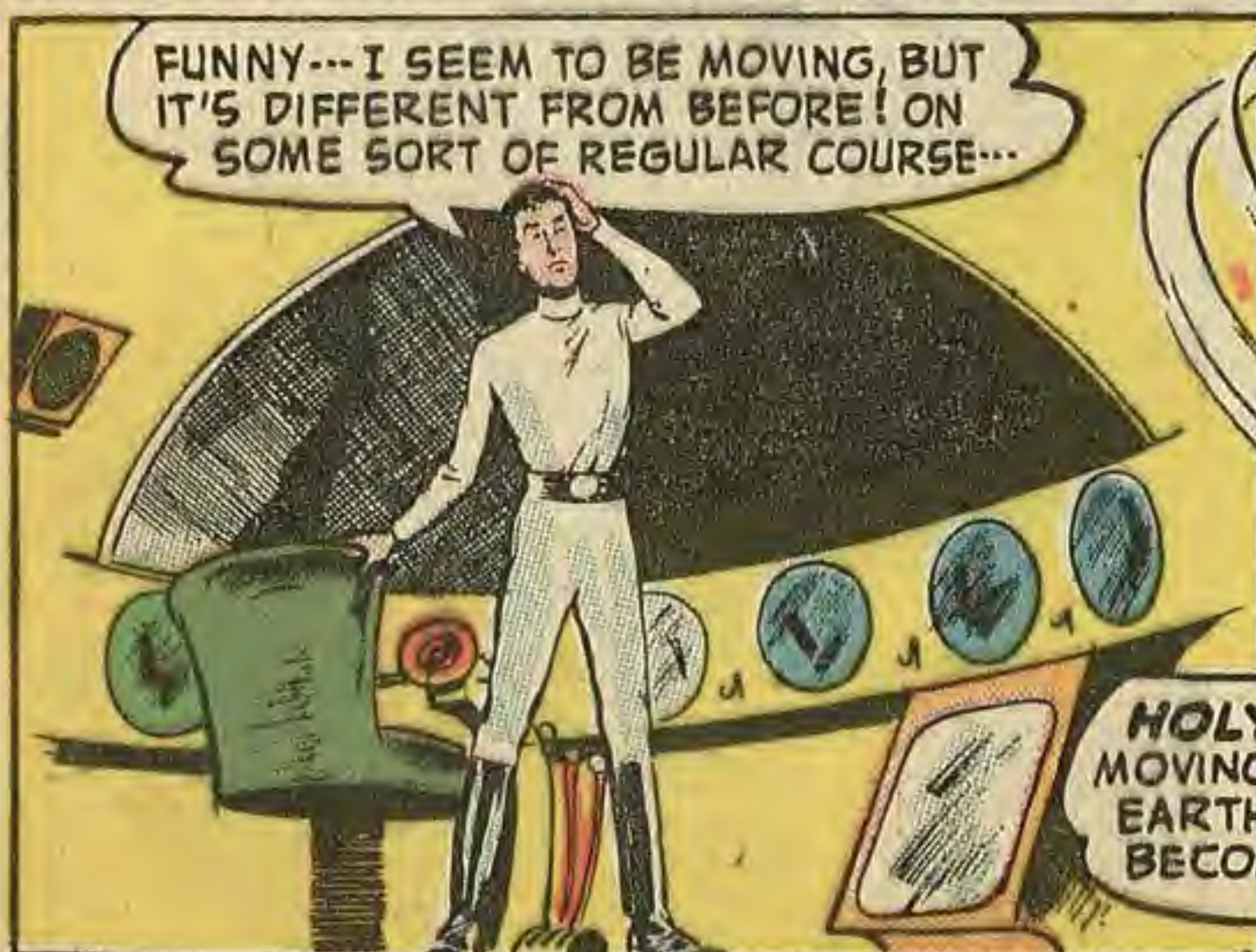


I... I'VE GOT TO DIVE THIS FIRE OUT!

WELL... THE MANEUVER WORKED, THANK HEAVENS... OR I WOULDN'T BE AROUND TO CONTINUE THIS REPORT! BUT THE DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE AND THE ENGINES FAILED! I WAS BEYOND THE GRAVITY PULL OF THE EARTH... BUT I FELT SOME OTHER STRANGE FORCE TAKING HOLD...

REGULAR COURSE WAS RIGHT! IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO REALIZE JUST WHAT IT WAS THAT HAD GRABBED THE ROCKET IN AN INEXORABLE HOLD!

FUNNY... I SEEM TO BE MOVING, BUT IT'S DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE! ON SOME SORT OF REGULAR COURSE...



HOLY SMOKE! IT'S MOVING IN AN ORBIT AROUND EARTH! THE ROCKET'S BECOME A SATELLITE!



IT WAS A FIX, ALL RIGHT! I WAS TRAPPED, AND SEEMINGLY THERE WAS NO WAY OF ESCAPE! DAYS LENGTHENED INTO WEEKS... SUPPLIES DWINDLED UNTIL I FEARED STARVATION... AS MONOTONOUSLY I CIRCLED THE EARTH...



IT WAS AT ABOUT THIS TIME THAT I NOTICED SOMETHING UNUSUAL...



I HADN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET! NEARER AND NEARER IT CAME, GROWING EVER HUGER, AND I FIGURED IT FOR A BIG METEOR...



BUT IT WASN'T A METEOR... IT WAS MORE LIKE A PLANET OF SOME SORT! AND WHEN THE ROCKET CAME WITHIN THE FIELD OF ITS GRAVITY, IT WAS WRENCHED CLEAR OUT OF ITS ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH!



COMING DOWN WITHOUT THE HELP OF WORKING ENGINES WAS A TOUGH PROPOSITION! IT WAS A CRASH LANDING, AND A ROUGH ONE... ROUGH ENOUGH TO KNOCK ME OUT...



HOW LONG I WAS UNCONSCIOUS I'LL NEVER KNOW! AS I CAME TO GROGGILY, I THOUGHT I WAS SEEING THINGS... BECAUSE...



THE WAVES OF DIZZINESS PASSED AND I COULD SEE CLEARLY NOW...AND SHE WAS STILL THERE! THAT'S RIGHT...I WAS LOOKING AT THE **MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL I'D EVER SEEN!**



HEY, YOU'RE FOR **REAL!** I MEAN, YOU'RE NOT JUST A CRAZY, MIXED-UP VISION... YOU REALLY **EXIST!** AND YOU'RE **GORGEOUS**...YOU COULD MAKE **MISS AMERICA** TAKE A BACK SEAT ANY DAY IN THE WEEK!



BUT I FORGOT... YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND A THING I SAY, CAN YOU? OF COURSE NOT! LOOK, GIRLIE... **ME WANT TO SEE BOSS MAN, GET IT? THE BIG SHAMUS! TAKE - ME - TO - YOUR - LEADER!**

I HAD TO GET THROUGH TO HER **SOMEHOW!** I TRIED EVERYTHING I COULD THINK OF...WORDS...LOOKS... GESTURES...UNTIL...



LEADER! CHIEF! BIG BOY!...UNDER-
STAND? WANT TO SEE
HIM! **UGH! UGH!**

WHEN YOU'VE GOTTEN ALL
THAT NONSENSE OUT OF
YOUR SYSTEM, SUPPOSE
YOU BEGIN TRYING TO
MAKE SOME **SENSE!**

YOU CAN'T BLAME ME FOR FEELING LIKE A **DOPE!** I TRIED TO BE CASUAL ABOUT IT, BUT I COULD TELL I WAS **BLUSHING LIKE A SCHOOLBOY...**



I DIDN'T KNOW...I
MEAN, I NEVER EXPECTED
...WHAT I'M TRYING TO
SAY IS...

...THAT YOU'RE SURPRISED
I CAN SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE!
THE SPACE EXPLORERS OF
OUR MOTHER PLANET FIRST
LANDED ON EARTH MANY
YEARS AGO...AND BROUGHT
BACK MANY KNOWLEDGES!



HMMMM...SO **THIS** IS WHAT YOUR
EARTH SCIENTISTS HAVE COME UP
WITH, EH? NOT IN TOO BAD SHAPE...
IT COULD BE REPAIRED...

LOOK, THAT'S TOP
SECRET STUFF! KEEP
AWAY FROM IT, SEE?

AT THE TOUCH OF MY HAND, SHE
WHIRLED LIKE A TIGER, A STRANGE-
LOOKING PISTOL IN HER HAND! THERE
WAS A CRACKLING SPUTTER, AND I
FELT MYSELF IN THE GRIP OF AN
ODD PARALYSIS!

WE **NEED** THIS ROCKET...AND
YOU'RE NOT STOPPING US!



I CAN'T...MOVE
A MUSCLE!

A DIZZINESS SWIRLED OVER ME, AND
I COULDN'T EVEN SEE WHAT HAPPENED
THEN! WHEN I CAME BACK TO NORMAL,
SHE WAS GONE...

HALF-COMPLETED SKETCHES OF THE
ROCKET THAT SHE'S DISCARDED...
THAT MEANS SHE MUST HAVE GOTTEN
SOME **FINISHED** ONES TOO! I'VE
GOT TO GO AFTER HER AND GET
'EM BACK! SAY...SHE'S LEFT HER
RAY PISTOL!



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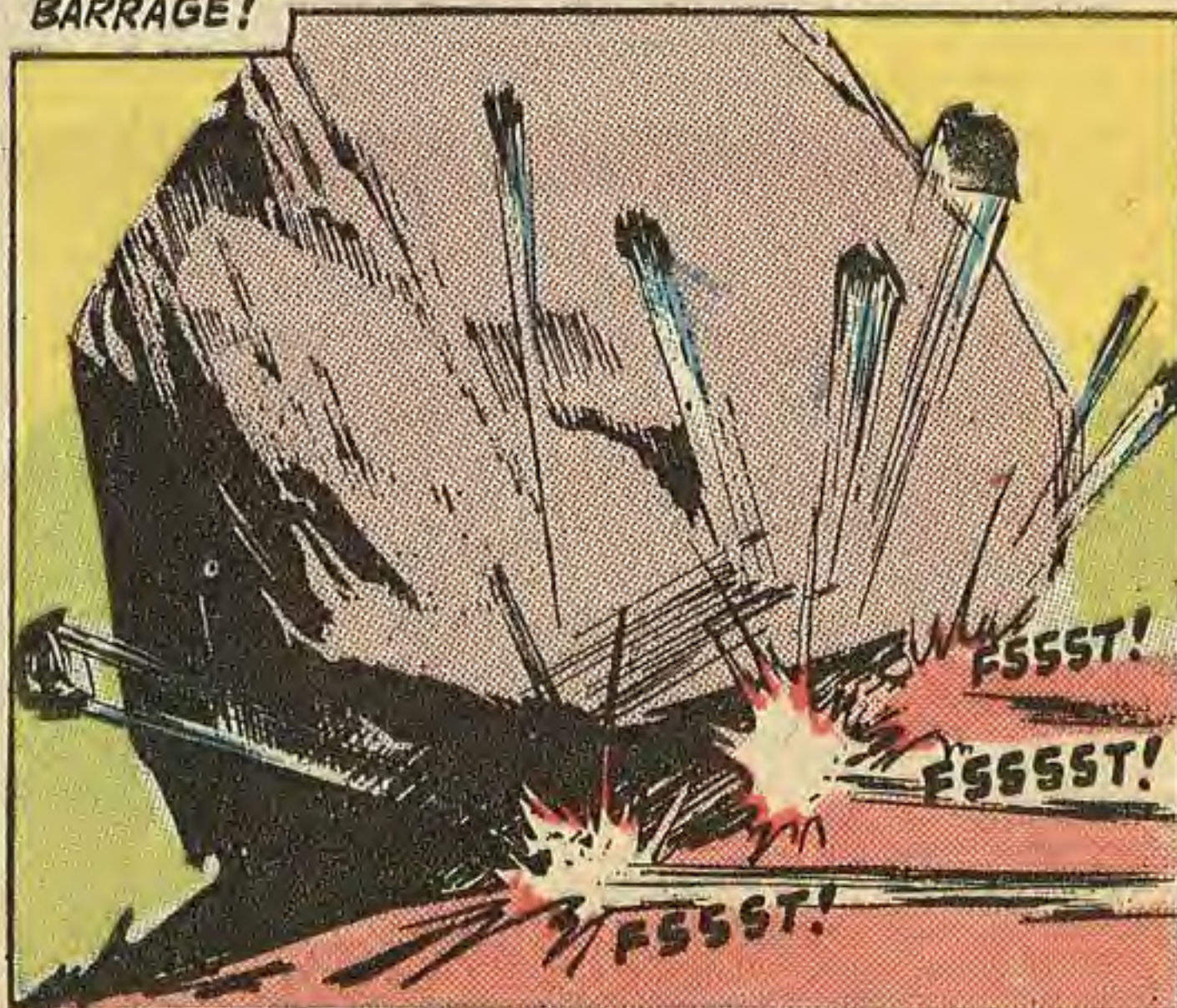
I TOOK IT ON THE RUN, FOLLOWING THE DIRECTION OF HER FRANTIC VOICE! REACHING THE EDGE OF A STEEP HILL, I LOOKED DOWN---ON THE MOST AMAZING SIGHT I'D EVER SEEN!

IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN A HOWITZER TO STOP THAT MONSTER---AND ALL I HAD WAS HER RAY PISTOL! TAKING CAREFUL AIM, I PRESSED THE TRIGGER... AGAIN AND AGAIN---

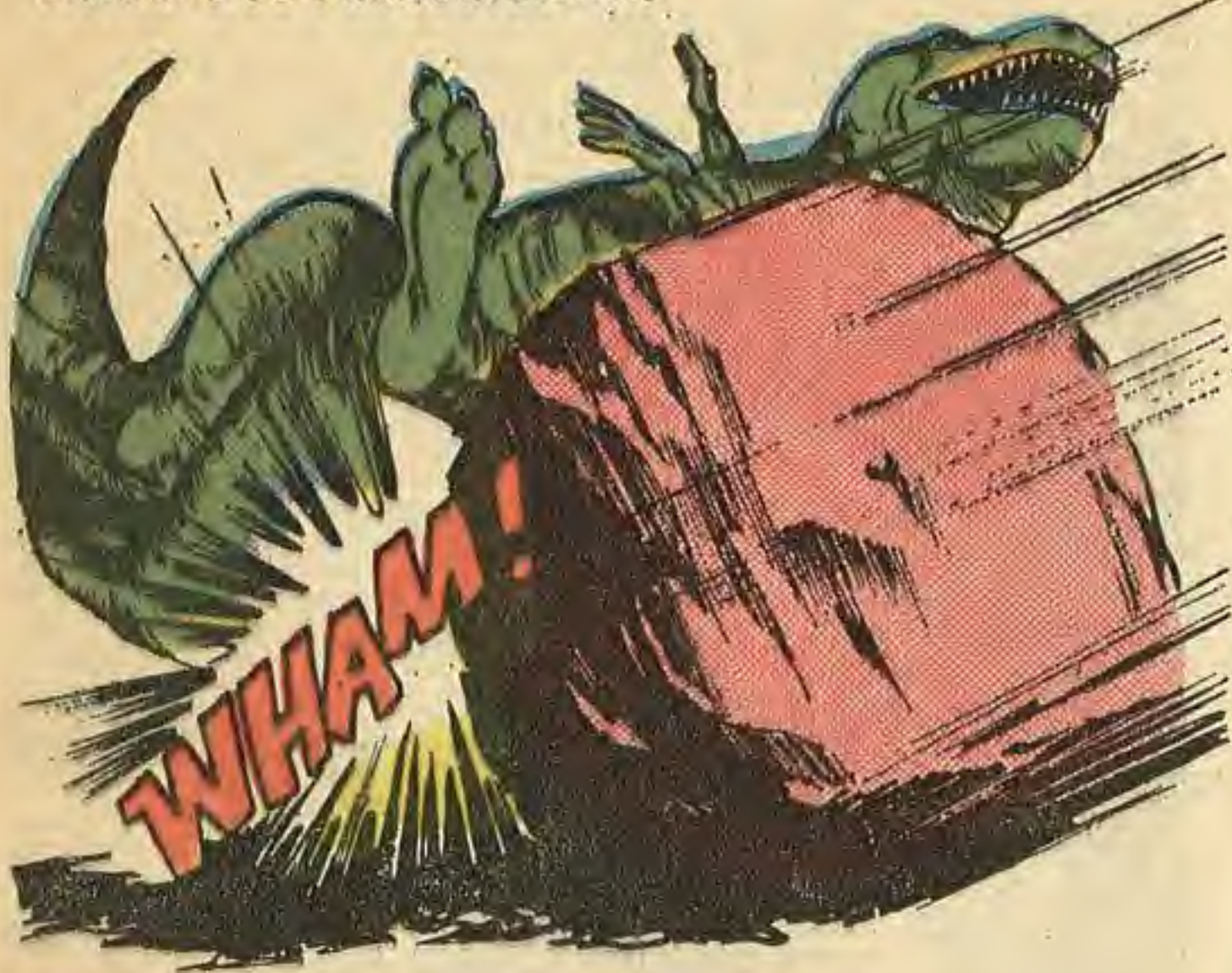


ALL IT DID WAS ANGER THE HUGE CREATURE---BUT IT DID DISTRACT ITS ATTENTION FROM HER! NOW ITS SEARCHING EYES HAD LOCATED ME---AND IT CHARGED! IT WAS MY TURN FOR TROUBLE---WHAT WAS I GOING TO DO?

POISED ON THE VERY BRINK OF THE HILL WAS THE GREAT-GRANDDADDY OF ALL BOULDERS! AIMING THE RAY PISTOL AT ITS BASE, I CUT LOOSE WITH A BARRAGE!



THE GROUND CRUMBED BENEATH IT, AND THE BIG MASS STIRRED! IT LURCHED FORWARD...GAINED MOMENTUM... AND TOOK A THUNDEROUS COURSE DOWNHILL! IT WAS CURTAINS FOR MR. DINOSAUR!



WELL, THAT'S THAT---NOTHING TO DO BUT TAKE HER BACK TO WHEREVER SHE CAME FROM! HERE ARE THE FOOTPRINTS SHE LEFT WHEN SHE HEADED IN THIS DIRECTION---I'LL JUST FOLLOW 'EM BACK!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT I EXPECTED TO FIND, OR WHAT KIND OF TREATMENT I THOUGHT I'D GET...BUT THIS WAS A DAY OF SURPRISES...

I WAS CONFIDENT THAT AS SOON AS THE GIRL CAME TO, SHE'D HAVE ME RELEASED FOR WHAT I'D DONE FOR HER! BUT INSTEAD, SHE MERELY LAUNCHED INTO A REPORT...

WHAT'S THE IDEA OF GRABBING ME WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, ANYWAY? WHO ARE YOU?

MY NAME IS **XANTHRON**... HEAD OF THE SPACE EXPEDITION WHICH RECENTLY LANDED UPON THIS PLANET!



MY COMPUTATIONS INDICATE THAT THIS PLANET IS FAST BREAKING UP UNDER THE IMPACT OF SUBTERRANEAN ERUPTIONS! WE'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST, IF WE'RE TO GET OFF IN TIME! THE EARTHMAN'S ROCKET CAN BE REPAIRED TO GET US BACK TO OUR MOTHER PLANET!

GOOD WORK, CAROLA!



WHAT'S THIS BUSINESS ABOUT USING MY ROCKET TO GET BACK TO **YOUR** PLANET? I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING IT BACK TO **EARTH**, SEE? YOU CAN COME ALONG IF YOU WANT, BUT THAT'S IT!

AND SINCE YOU MIGHT SABOTAGE THE ROCKET IF I RELEASE YOU, I MUST, UNFORTUNATELY, CONDEMN YOU TO **DEATH!**

IT WAS EXHAUSTION WHICH MADE ME FALL INTO A TROUBLED SLEEP THAT NIGHT! I WAS AWAKENED BY A PRESSURE ON MY BOUND HANDS---

JUDGING FROM THE ROCKET MEASUREMENTS THAT CAROLA HAS BROUGHT BACK, THERE WOULD BE ONE TOO MANY TO FIT IN... AND THAT ONE WILL BE **YOU!**

WHY, YOU... YOU **MURDER-
OUS**...

I... I ASK THAT THE SENTENCE BE DEFERRED UNTIL **DAWN**, XANTHRON! GIVE HIM TIME TO PRAY, ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOMS OF HIS RACE!

WHO...WHO'S **THAT?**





HOLY SMOKE,
IT'S **YOU**...
CAROLA!
BUT... BUT
HOW COME...

I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M DOING THIS...
I MUST BE CRAZY! BUT YOU **DID**
SAVE MY LIFE, AND THIS IS THE ONLY
WAY I COULD REPAY YOU! LOOK...
THERE'S A CAVERN AT THE FOOT OF
THE VALLEY THAT ONLY I KNOW
ABOUT! GO THERE... I'LL BRING
YOU FOOD WHENEVER
I'M ABLE!

**AND SHE WAS AS GOOD AS HER WORD! EACH DAY SHE
CAME WITH FOOD FOR ME! AT FIRST SHE WAS STIFF,
UNBENDING...**

THANKS, CAROLA... YOU KNOW,
IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU! DO YOU
HAVE TO GO RIGHT BACK ALL THE
TIME? CAN'T YOU STAY
A LITTLE?

I HAVE NO DESIRE
TO SHARE YOUR
COMPANY! I AM
BUT LIVING UP
TO MY PROMISE!



**THE CHANGE WAS GRADUAL! IT BEGAN WITH JUST
THE FAINTEST SMILE... AND EACH DAY, SHE LINGERED
LONGER! SHE BEGAN TALKING TO ME... NATURALLY...
WARMLY...**



SO THERE ARE EIGHT IN YOUR
PARTY, EH... AND THEY'VE ALMOST
GOT MY ROCKET REPAIRED! BUT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHEN YOU
SAY THE GROUP WAS LARGER
ORIGINALLY? I HARDLY KNOW
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YOU GOT HERE IN THE
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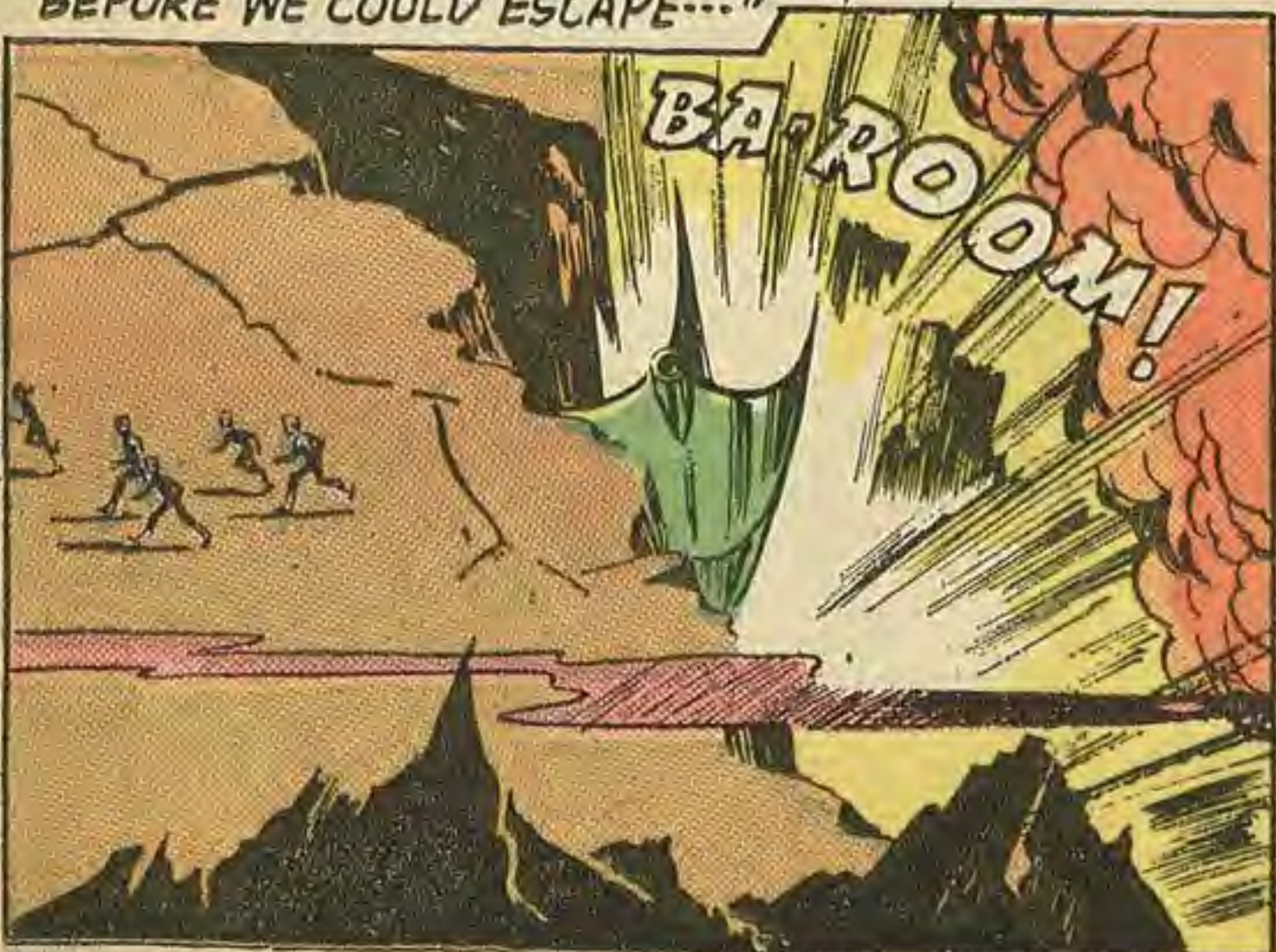
WE INHABIT THE
GREAT PLANET
OMEGA, OF THE
THIRD GALAXY!
WE HAD BEEN
ON A SPACE
EXPLORATION
TRIP...

**"THIS TIME, WE HAD VENTURED FURTHER THAN EVER
BEFORE INTO THE VAST REACHES OF SPACE! THEN
WE SAW IT... A STRANGELY-SHAPED, UNKNOWN
PLANET..."**



WHAT AN ODD FORM... AS
IF PART OF IT IS **MISSING!**
LET'S LAND AND INVESTIGATE!

**"SO WE LANDED... AND WE SOON DISCOVERED THE
REASON FOR ITS FANTASTIC FORM! FOR IT WAS
ONLY PART OF A PLANET, WHICH WAS BEING BROKEN
UP BY CONTINUAL SUBTERRANEAN EXPLOSIONS! OUR
SPACE SHIP AND MOST OF ITS CREW FELL VICTIMS
BEFORE WE COULD ESCAPE..."**



WE THOUGHT IT WAS ALL UP WITH THE REST OF
US... FOR THESE AWFUL BLASTS ARE CONTINUING,
GRADUALLY REDUCING THE SIZE OF WHAT REMAINS
OF THE PLANET, AND THE END WAS INEVITABLE!
BUT THEN **YOU** CAME, AND YOUR ROCKET GAVE
US HOPE OF ESCAPE! BUT ENOUGH OF US...
TELL ME ABOUT **EARTH!**



AND SO I TOLD HER ABOUT LIFE ON EARTH...WHERE WOMEN WEREN'T COLD SCIENTISTS CHARTING THE REACHES OF SPACE, BUT WARM AND HUMAN...

...AND THEN WE'D GO OUT ON DATES! YOU WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT A JUKE BOX IS, BUT IT'S GREAT FOR DANCING!

IT SOUNDS...
WONDERFUL!
YOU'VE MENTIONED
DANCING BEFORE!
CAN YOU SHOW ME...
HOW IT'S DONE?



MY... DARLING!



SHE DIDN'T RETURN! I USED TO WATCH HER FROM HIDING...THAT'S HOW I KNEW THAT THE REPAIR WORK ON THE ROCKET WAS FINISHED...AND THEY WERE PREPARING TO BLAST OFF...

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I CAN'T BE LEFT HERE...MAROONED WHILE THE PLANET BREAKS UP UNDER MY FEET...



SURE...WHY NOT? BUT I DIDN'T DREAM WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WHEN I TOOK HER IN MY ARMS...

CAROLA...

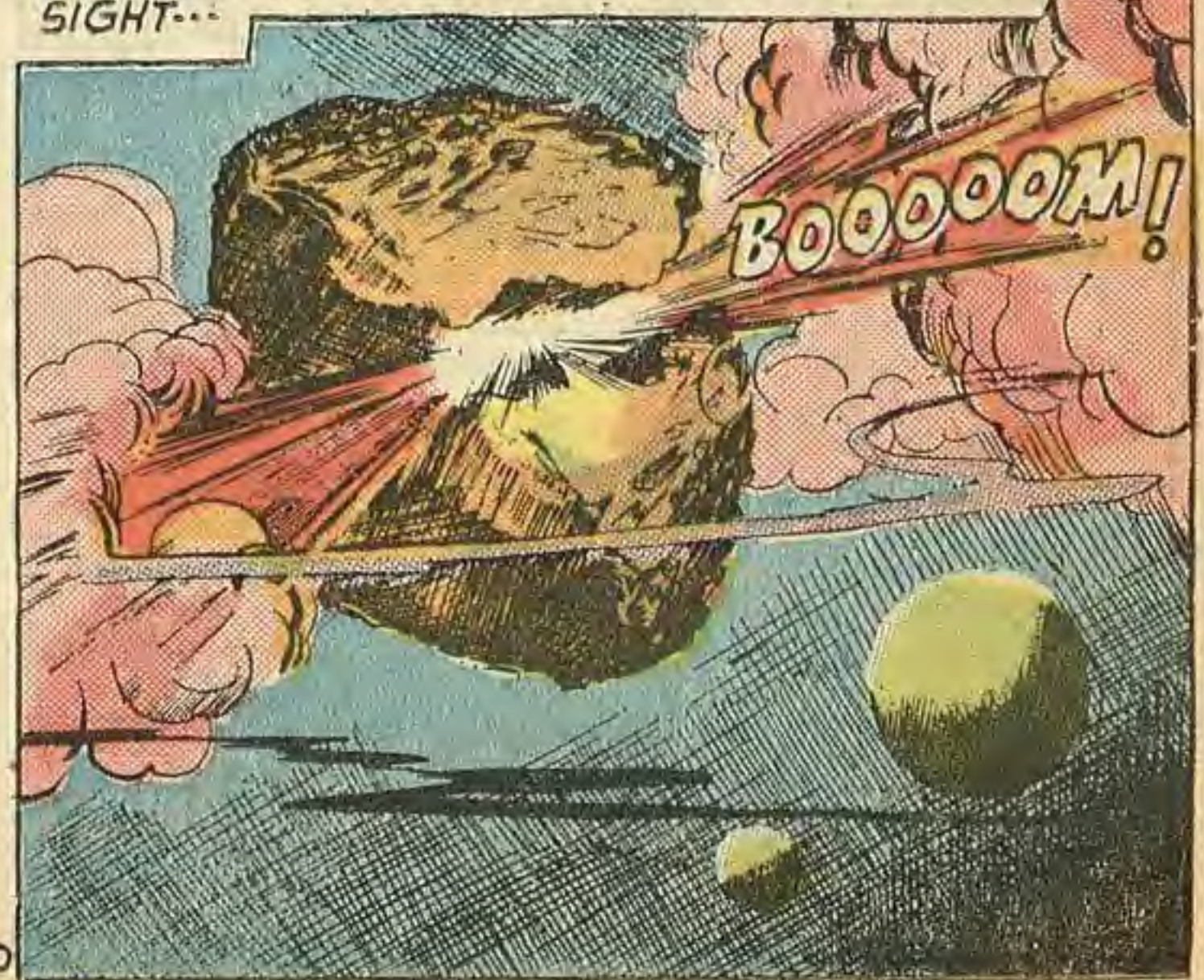


SUDDENLY, SHE SEEMED TO REMEMBER WHO AND WHAT SHE WAS! SHE TORE HERSELF FROM MY ARMS...

NO! KEEP AWAY FROM ME...



SUDDENLY THERE CAME AN OMINOUS RUMBLE...A ROAR AS IF ALL CREATION WERE EXPLODING! A MONUMENTAL BREAKUP HAD BEGUN...EVEN AS I WATCHED, XANTHRON'S MEN DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT...



THE FEARFUL EXPLOSIONS CONTINUED
...THE DOOMED PLANET WAS BREAKING
UP BENEATH MY FEET! BUT THE ROCKET
STILL STOOD FIRM...IT WAS TIME FOR
ME TO MAKE MY BID...



XANTHRON DIDN'T SEE ME
COMING...NOT UNTIL...



HE DREW ONE OF THOSE SPECIAL
PISTOLS OF THEIRS THEN! BUT HE
WAS STILL OFF BALANCE...AND
BEFORE HE COULD FIRE...



SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE EXAMINED MY HEAD! THIS
WASN'T ANY ORDINARY HUMAN BEING I WAS DEALING
WITH, BUT A GIANT FROM ANOTHER WORLD! NOW I
NO LONGER HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF SURPRISE...AND
AN UNEARTHLY POWER FORCED ME BACK...



HIS FINGERS HAD ALREADY TOUCHED THE WEAPON
...I WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN A DIME FOR MY CHANCES...
BUT THEN CAROLA ACTED!



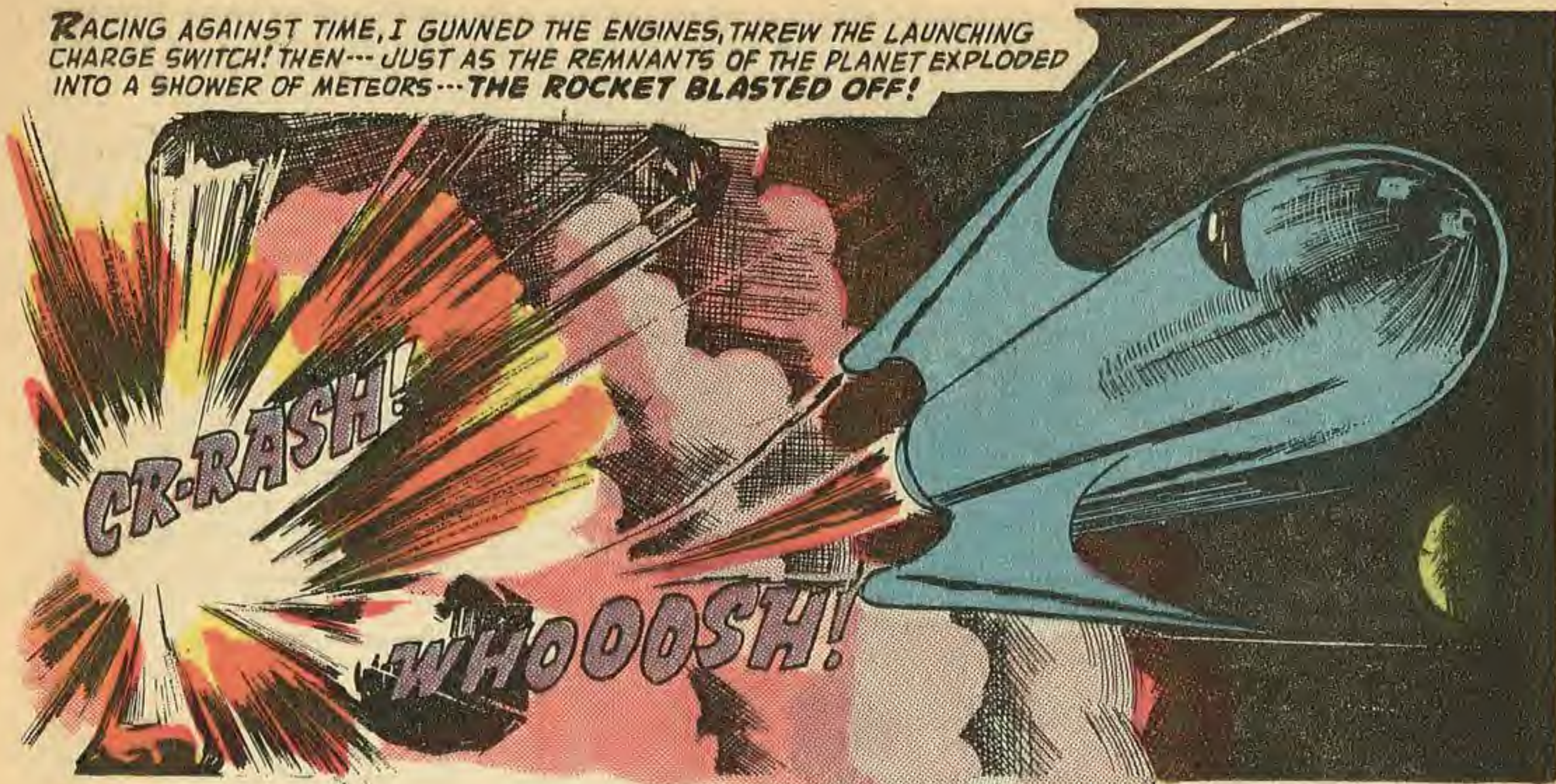
IN SURPRISE, XANTHRON LOOSENED HIS FEARFUL
GRIP ON ME...AND THAT GAVE ME THE CHANCE I
NEEDED! I'D ALWAYS BEEN AN EXPERT AT
JIU JITSU...AND NOW IT PAID OFF!



AT THIS MOMENT CAME THE LOUDEST EXPLOSION
OF ALL, AS THE BULK OF THE PLANET'S SURFACE
CRUMBLLED AWAY! XANTHRON WENT WITH IT...AND
I RUSHED CAROLA INTO THE ROCKET...



RACING AGAINST TIME, I GUNNED THE ENGINES, THREW THE LAUNCHING CHARGE SWITCH! THEN--- JUST AS THE REMNANTS OF THE PLANET EXPLODED INTO A SHOWER OF METEORS---THE ROCKET BLASTED OFF!



AND AS WE BARRELLED THROUGH SPACE...
DESTINATION, PLANET EARTH...

BACK HOME, THERE'D ONCE BEEN A GIRL NAMED MYRNA WINSUM... BUT NOW, I COULD HARDLY REMEMBER WHAT SHE LOOKED LIKE! ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS CAROLA, CAROLA... AND HOW MUCH SHE MEANT TO ME...



YOU CAN JUST ABOUT IMAGINE THE FURORE WHEN WE RETURNED! THE FIRST THING, CAROLA AND I WERE MARRIED... AND AT THE GALA BALL TO CELEBRATE MY EXPLOIT...



I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING JEALOUS, MYRNA... NOW THAT YOUR EX-FIANCÉ HAS COME UP WITH A GIRL SO GORGEOUS THAT SHE'S REALLY OUT OF THIS WORLD!



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BILL GRAHAM WAS TALKING THINGS OVER WITH HIS BOSS, CURATOR OF THE SCIENTIFIC MUSEUM ~ ~

BUT, MR. ANDREWS, YOU **PROMISED** ME I COULD HEAD THE NEXT MUSEUM EXPEDITION --

RELAX, BILL -- BUDGET CUTS HAVE ELIMINATED ALL EXPEDITIONS FOR THIS YEAR. BUT I **HAVE** GOT A PROJECT FOR YOU -- A SORT OF ONE-MAN SAFARI, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED!



AM I -- ANYTHING TO BREAK UP THE ROUTINE! WHAT GIVES?

TELL ME, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE **SUBHUMAN GIANTS?**



SUBHUMAN GIANTS--
WHAT IS THIS,
SOME KIND OF JOKE?

THAT'LL BE **YOUR** JOB TO FIND OUT, RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE A LEGEND, OUT OF THE WILDS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA! THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO INHABIT AN AREA THE INDIANS CALL **SASKAHANA**-- "**PLACE-OF-THE-WILD-MEN**"!

IT'S HIGH UP IN THE INACCESSIBLE AND UN-EXPLORED WILDERNESS AROUND MORRIS MOUNTAIN, A FLAT-TOPPED PEAK IN THE NORTHERN ROCKIES KNOWN ONLY TO A SMALL TRIBE OF INDIANS! THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE GIGANTIC AND FURRY, BUT VAGUELY HUMAN-- SOME CALL THEM "**THE HAIRY GIANTS**"!

"DON'T THINK THAT ATTEMPTS HAVEN'T BEEN MADE TO RUN DOWN THESE LEGENDS-- BUT THE INDIANS SEEM TO HAVE AN ALMOST SUPERSTITIOUS FEAR OF TALKING! WHENEVER THEY'RE QUESTIONED--"

I HEAR THAT **YOU** HAVE SEEN ONE OF THE CREATURES! WHAT IS IT LIKE? **SPEAK UP, MAN!**

NO--NO! I SAY NOTHING! MAYBE I CALL DOWN CURSE--OR THEY HAVE REVENGE ON ME--

"But THERE HAS BEEN EVIDENCE... GATHERED BY GOVERNMENT AGENTS WHO HAVE THE INDIANS' CONFIDENCE! EVIDENCE LIKE THIS, FOR INSTANCE--"

JUST LOOK AT THESE HUGE ROCKS, CARVED SO THAT THEY EXACTLY FIT THE CAVE ENTRANCES! IT TOOK BIG CREATURES TO DO THIS--AND THEY'D HAVE TO HAVE MORE THAN ANIMAL INTELLIGENCE! BUT LET'S GET THIS THING OPENED AND SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!

LOOK AT THESE WALLS, MADE OF HUGE STONES! WOULDN'T YOU SAY THEY PROVE THAT GIANTS OF TREMENDOUS POWER MUST HAVE LIVED HERE AT SOME TIME? AND WHO'S TO SAY THEY DON'T **STILL EXIST?**

OH, COME ON! I'VE HEARD FAIRY TALES LIKE THESE ABOUT THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMEN-- IT'S A LOT OF HOGWASH!

COULD BE--EXCEPT THAT AUTHENTIC RECORDS OF THE EXISTENCE OF THESE **SUBHUMAN GIANTS** GO ALL THE WAY BACK TO REPORTS SUBMITTED BY CAULFIELD ANDERSON, AN EXPLORER AND HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY AGENT--

The mountain giants are twelve feet tall--as wild, elusive and hairy as animals! I have had one perilous experience with them--

"It was on a hunt when we first discovered the huge track--"



I--I NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE THAT, BEFORE! IT LOOKS HUMAN-- BUT WHAT A HUMAN!

WE'VE GOT OUR GUNS, HAVEN'T WE? LET'S TRY TO TRACK IT DOWN!

"We followed--and saw where the giant track was joined by others! Finally, when the trail had led to a mountain cave--"



RUN! THEY'RE HEAVING ROCKS AT US!

WE--WE NEVER EVEN GOT TO SEE THEM!



I STILL THINK IT'S A PACK OF OLD WIVES' TALES--BUT IF YOU WANT ME TO INVESTIGATE THEM, YOU'RE THE BOSS!

I WANT SOME SCIENTIFIC PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF THESE HAIRY GIANTS! GO TO IT, BILL-- AND GOOD LUCK!

AND SO BILL PACKED FOR HIS LONE TRIP-- AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT HE THOUGHT, UNTIL--



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU'RE GOING, GAIL? THAT'S WILD COUNTRY I'M GOING INTO-- NO PLACE FOR A WOMAN.

A WOMAN'S PLACE IS WITH HER HUSBAND, BILL! THIS ISN'T ANY MALE EXPEDITION-- SO I'M COMING ALONG!



THEY PENETRATED THE WILD SASKAHAWA TERRITORY, AND INTERVIEWED THE INDIANS--

STORIES NO TRUE! INDIANS NO SEE GIANTS--NEVER! NO SUCH THING!

I SEE! THANKS, CHIEF!



AS I THOUGHT, ALL THESE STORIES WERE A LOT OF NONSENSE. AFTER ALL, WHO'D KNOW BETTER THAN INDIANS WHOSE TRIBE HAS LIVED IN THESE PARTS FOR CENTURIES?

SH-HHH! LISTEN, BILL--



I HAVE TOLD THE WHITE MAN THAT THE HAIRY GIANTS DO NOT EXIST--AND I AM CONVINCED THAT HE BELIEVES ME!

GOOD! WHO KNOWS WHAT REVENGE THE GIANTS MIGHT TAKE ON US IF WE TOLD THE TRUTH?

With
THIS
CLUE,
THE
SEARCH
HAD
TO
CONTINUE!
INQUIRIES
LED
TO
A
MINING
ENGINEER
WITH
A
STORY
TO
TELL--



YOU HEARD **RIGHT!** YESSIR,
I RAN INTO ONE OF THOSE
THINGS WHILE I WAS
PROSPECTING--MUST
HAVE BEEN ABOUT
FIVE YEARS AGO.

COULD
YOU GIVE ME
THE DETAILS,
PLEASE?

"I WASN'T FAR FROM CAMP WHEN I
HEARD A NOISE COMING FROM THAT
DIRECTION! THROUGH MY GLASSES,
I SAW WHAT I TOOK TO BE--"



THERE'S A MOVEMENT COMING
FROM MY CAMP--AND THAT
LOOKS LIKE AN ANIMAL'S
COAT, HIDDEN BY THAT
TREE! MUST BE A
BEAR, I GUESS--

"THEN IT STEPPED CLEAR OF THE TREE--
AND I GASPED! NOT A HUGE ANIMAL, BUT
A **SUBHUMAN GIANT!**"

**HOLY--
HANNAH!**



THEY COULD GET NO FURTHER INFORMATION
FROM THE ENGINEER! BUT HE DID REFER
THEM TO A YOUNG COUPLE WHO ADDED THEIR
OWN CONTRIBUTION--

THAT'S SO--WE SEEN
ONE OF THEM GIANTS
FOUR YEARS AGO! WE
WAS PICKIN' HOPS IN A
FIELD NEAR AGASSIZ,
BRITISH COLUMBIA--

YEAH--AN' OUTA THE
CORNER OF MY EYE, I
SAW SOMETHIN' STANDIN'
ON THE ROAD AND
LOOKIN' AT US,
SORTA INTERESTED-
LIKE!



HE WAS LIKE A MAN, BUT
TWICE THE SIZE--AN' HIS
BODY WAS ALL COVERED
WITH FUR! HE--HE HAD
LONG ARMS, ALMOST
TOUCHIN' THE GROUND
--AN' BIG FIERCE EYES
AN' A FLAT NOSE--



"WE TOOK A LOOK AT HIM--
AN' THEN WE LIT OUTA THERE
ON THE RUN--"

L-LET'S
GET GOIN'--
QUICK!



IT'S THE SAME OLD THING--TALK,
TALK--ONLY WILD STORIES, BUT
NO **PROOF!** THE WHOLE THING'S
IMAGINATION! WE'LL CLIMB TO THE
TOP OF MORRIS MOUNTAIN, WHERE
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO LIVE,
AND LOOK AROUND--THAT
WAY, I'LL HAVE COVERED
EVERY ANGLE!



IT WAS A PERILOUS CLIMB --



DARN IT, I WISH I HADN'T LET YOU TALK ME INTO TAKING YOU ALONG.

I CAN GO-- ANYWHERE YOU CAN! G-GIVE ME A HAND, WILL YOU?

AT THE TOP WAS A WILD PLATEAU! THEY SEARCHED FOR TWO DAYS, FINDING NOTHING--

AS I THOUGHT-- NOT A THING! TOMORROW MORNING WE'RE GOING DOWN AGAIN, AND HEAD FOR CIVILIZATION!

BILL--I HAVE THE STRANGEST FEELING! IT'S AS IF SOMETHING WAS WATCHING US!



THAT NIGHT, AS THEY HUDDLED INTO THEIR SLEEPING BAGS--



CRACK!

LISTEN! DIDN'T YOU-- HEAR SOMETHING NEARBY?

OH, RELAX AND GO TO SLEEP, WILL YOU?

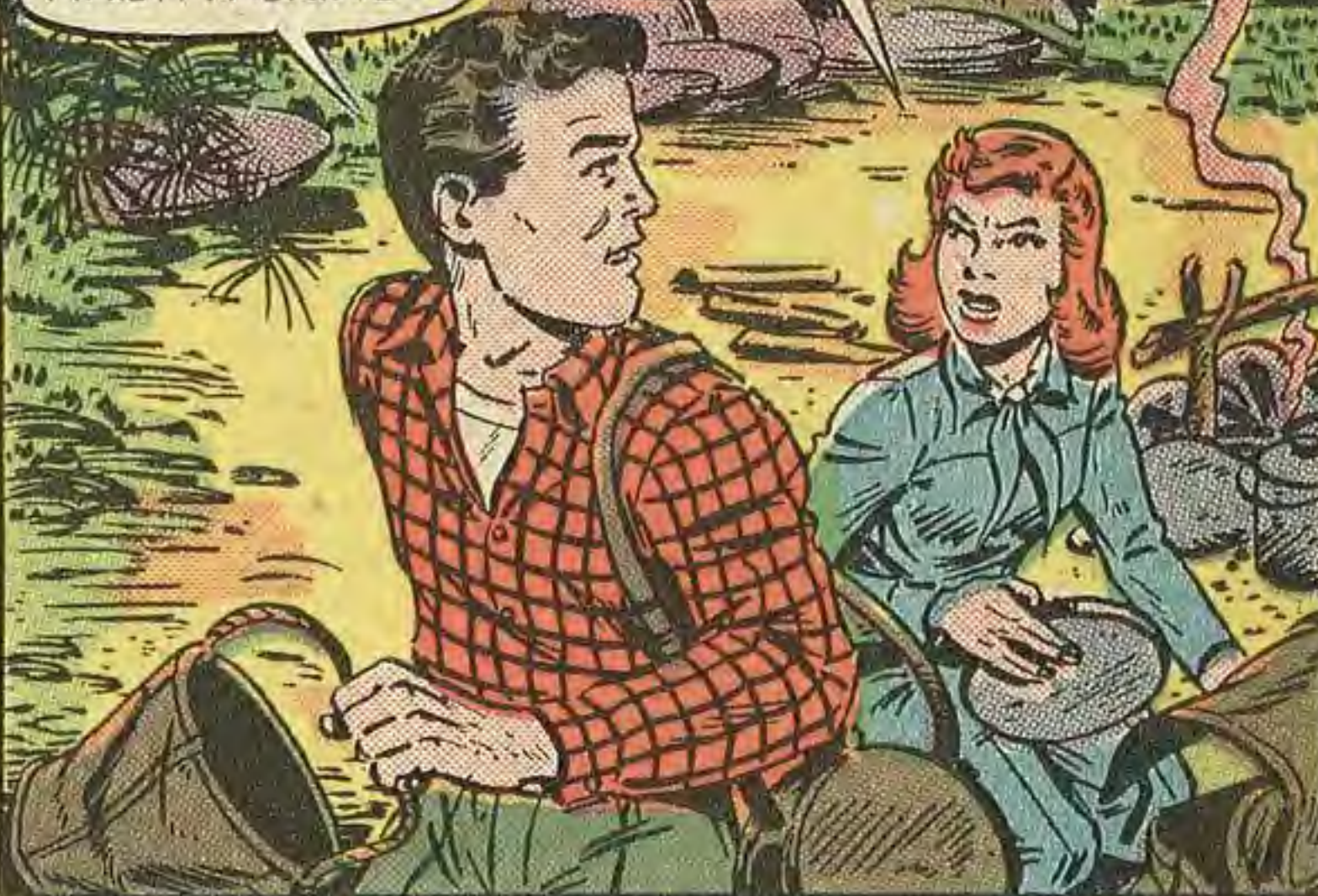
HOW--HOW CAN I SLEEP WHEN I KNOW THERE'S SOMETHING OUT THERE-- ALWAYS WATCHING--



NEXT MORNING--

THERE'S FRESH WATER ABOUT A HALF-MILE DOWN! I'LL GET US SOME, WHILE YOU FINISH PACKING!

OKAY, BUT HURRY BACK! T-THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PLACE THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS!



AS HE FILLED THEIR CANTEENS, HE HEARD A SOUND THAT FROZE HIS BLOOD--



OH-HHH! HELP!

GREAT HEAVENS -- GAIL! SOMETHING'S WRONG!

RACING BACK, HE CAME WITHIN SIGHT OF THEIR CAMP-- AND PAUSED IN TERROR --



IT'S A GRIZZLY-- AND I HAVEN'T GOT MY GUN! AND THERE'S NO CHANCE TO GET TO HER IN TIME--

H-HELP!



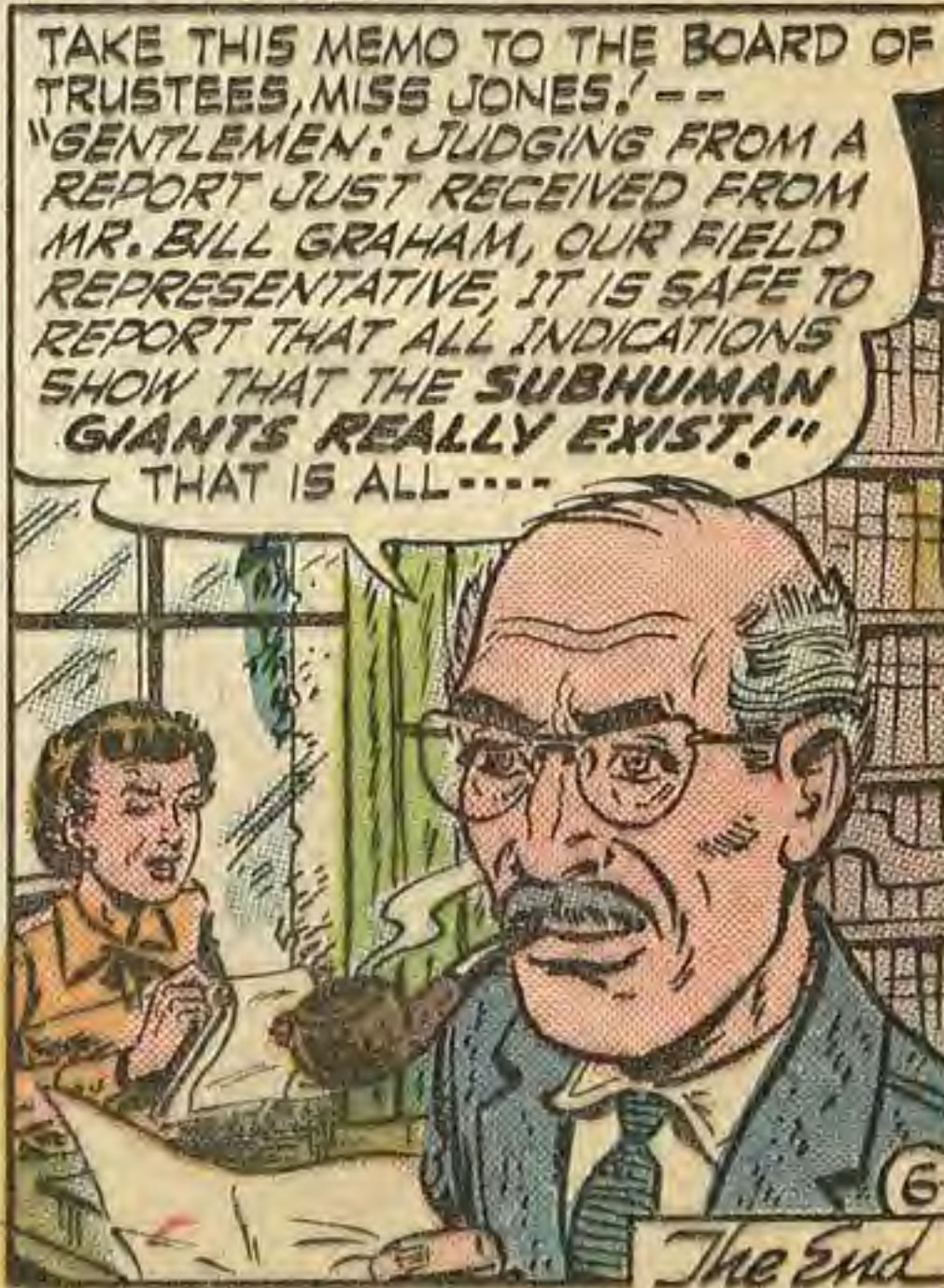
A SINGLE BOUND -- AND THE HUGE NEWCOMER WAS OUT IN THE OPEN, FACING THE BEAR!



AND AS BILL RAN UP --



AND BACK HOME --





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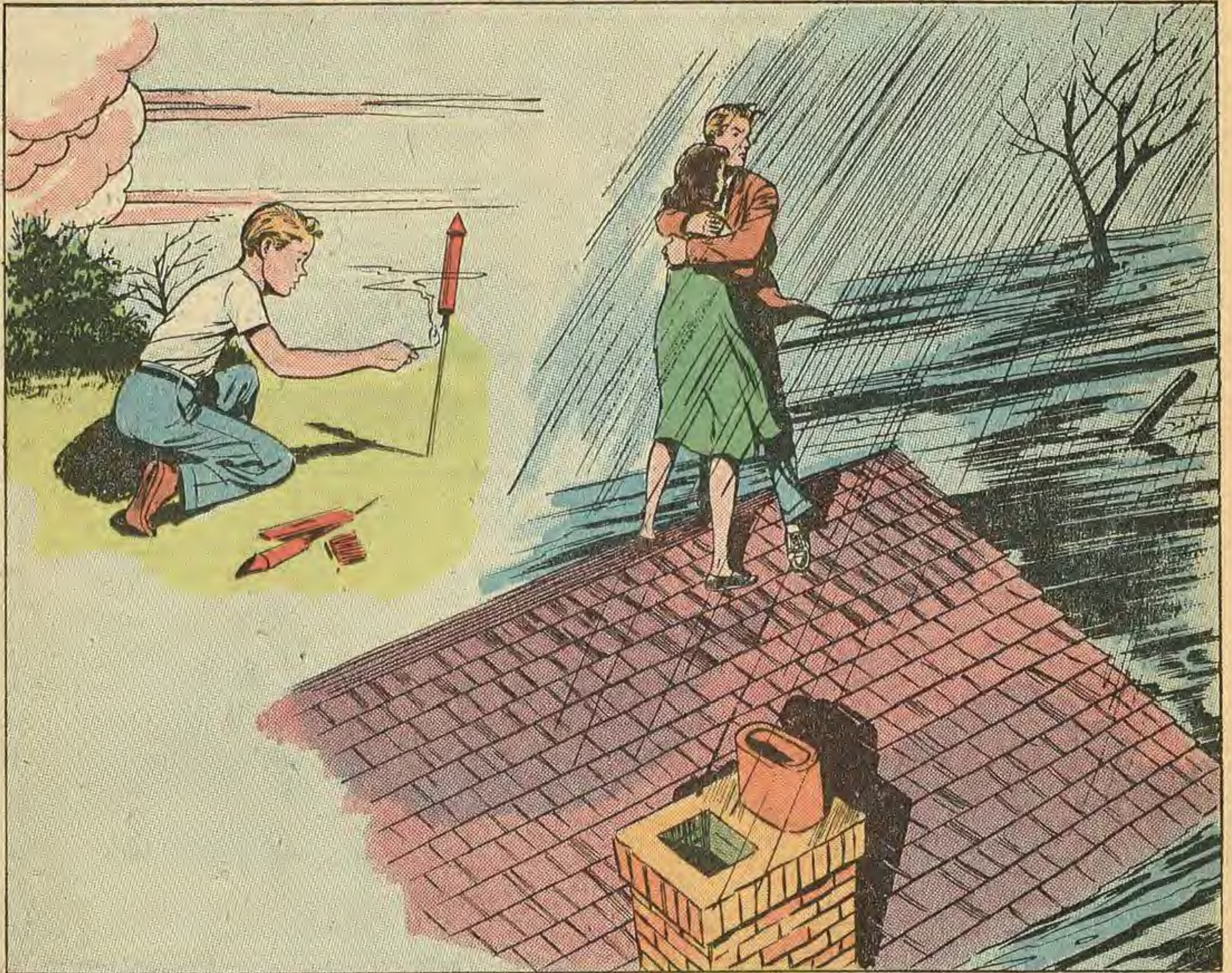
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WAS IT COINCIDENCE---OR THE LONG ARM OF THE UNKNOWN? SEE FOR YOURSELF IN THE STRANGE, FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE OF **WILL EMMONS**, WHO DISCOVERED, AMID DEADLY PERIL, THAT---

GRANDMA *was* RIGHT!



HE WAS ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD WHEN OUR STORY OPENS---



PACKAGE FOR YOU, WILL---IT'S FROM THE MAIL ORDER HOUSE!

WHE-EEE!
IT'S THE **FIREWORKS** I ORDERED FOR THE 4TH OF JULY!

ROCKETS...ROMAN CANDLES...PINWHEELS...FLARES...IT'S GONNA BE THE GREATEST 4TH IN MY WHOLE **LIFE!** GOSH, THE OTHER KIDS'LL ENVY ME!



JUST WAIT TILL THEY SEE YOUR WONDERFUL FIREWORKS...THEY'RE BOUND TO, BECAUSE THEY RUN IN AND OUT ALL DAY! THEY'LL SURE BE **IMPRESSED!**



THEY...THEY MIGHT BE **TOO IMPRESSED**, GRANDMA! JUST SUPPOSE SOMEBODY SHOULD **TAKE** THEM!

THE IDEA WAS TOO, TOO AWFUL! BUT THEN WILL HIT ON THE SOLUTION---

AND SO WILL HIDE THE PACKAGE---HID IT SECURELY! HE WAS UP BRIGHT AND EARLY ON THE MORNING OF THE FOURTH---ALL EAGERNESS---

I'VE GOT IT! I WON'T EVEN TELL THE KIDS ABOUT MY FIREWORKS---I'LL SAVE THEM FOR A **SURPRISE!** AND MEANWHILE---I'LL HIDE THEM SO NOBODY WILL EVER BE ABLE TO FIND THEM!

THEY THINK **THEY'VE** GOT FIREWORKS? WAIT'LL THEY SEE **MINE!**

BAM!
CR-RUMP!

BUT THEN AN AWFUL REALIZATION HIT HOME---HE COULDN'T REMEMBER WHERE HE HAD HIDDEN THEM! HE LOOKED HIGH AND LOW, IN A FRENZY---

I---I CAN'T FIND THE STUFF ANYWHERE!

GRANDMA TRIED HER BEST TO COMFORT HIM---

ALL THOSE W-WONDERFUL ROCKETS---AND---AND ROMAN CANDLES---AND FLARES AND PINWHEELS---G-GONE---

THERE, THERE---DON'T TAKE ON, CHILD! IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE!

HE NEVER FORGOT WHAT SHE SAID THEN---

KNOW WHAT? I THINK IT WAS LOST FOR A **REASON**---AND SOMEDAY, WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST, **IT'S GOING TO TURN UP AGAIN!** YOU'LL SEE!

HE DIDN'T BELIEVE IT---NOT FOR A SECOND! AND THE YEARS PASSED---AND THE WELL-HIDDEN FIREWORKS WERE NEVER FOUND! HE GREW UP---GOT MARRIED---

---AND I HEREBY PRONOUNCE YOU **MAN AND WIFE!**

THEY LIVED IN THE SAME HOUSE THAT HE'D OCCUPIED AS A BOY---GRANDMA WAS NOW LONG DEAD, OF COURSE---

YOU KNOW, POLLY, I SOMETIMES WONDER IF MAYBE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE RATHER HAD ONE OF THOSE NEW, SHINY HOUSES, FULL OF MODERN CONVENIENCES---

NOT A **CHANCE!** I LOVE THIS OLD PLACE! IT'S SO SAFE, SO **SECURE!**

SAFE, SECURE---UP TO NOW! FOR DAYS OF TORRENTIAL RAIN SUDDENLY SET IN---AND KEPT ON, ON---







GOOD...HEAVENS!
WE'VE BEEN...FLOODED
OUT...THE HOUSE IS FLOAT-
ING DOWN THE
CHANNEL OF THE
CREEK!



POLLY...SHE'S
COMING TO,
THANK GOSH!



WE'RE IN
...TROUBLE,
POLLY...
BAD
TROUBLE!

YOU DON'T HAVE
TO TELL ME!THERE'S
NOBODY AROUND TO
RESCUE US...AND
WE'RE HEADED
STRAIGHT
FOR WOLF
RIVER!

NIGHT CAME ON AND BROUGHT MOMENTARY HOPE
...FOR THEY SIGHTED A CRUISING MOTORBOAT...



WE'VE GOT TO ATTRACT THEIR
ATTENTION! LET'S **YELL**...
AS LOUD AS WE CAN!



HEY...ABOARD
THE MOTORBOAT!
THIS WAY!HELP!
HELP!

OH, WILL...IT'S NO USE!
THEY C-CAN'T HEAR US
ABOVE THE ROAR OF THE
WATER! THERE'S...NO WAY
WE CAN SAVE
OURSELVES!

BITTERLY, THEY LEFT THE WINDOW, AND RELAXED
TO WAIT FOR THE END! BUT...



NOTHING TO DO
...BUT WAIT FOR
OUR FINISH...

I **WOULD** PICK A
SPOT IN THE WALL THAT
WAS BUSTED OPEN WHEN
THE HOUSE WAS SWEEP
OFF ITS FOUNDATIONS!
SAY...THERE'S SOME-
THING **IN** HERE!

HE GROPED WITHIN...AND OUT OF THE WALL,
HE TOOK...



HOLY...H...SMOKE! IT'S
THE BOX OF **FIREWORKS** I HID
AND LOST AS A KID...AFTER
ALL THESE
YEARS!

WHEN POLLY HAD HEARD THE HALF-FORGOTTEN STORY---

WILL --- DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS **MEANS?** YOU CAN SET THOSE FIREWORKS OFF---AS A SIGNAL TO SUMMON **HELP!**

IT'S NO GO, POLLY--- THERE ISN'T A CHANCE THAT THEY'D GO OFF AFTER GATHERING MOLD FOR SUCH A PERIOD! BUT ---I'LL TRY!



LOOK AT **THAT** OLD WRECK! SHE'LL BE RUNNING SQUARE INTO WOLF RIVER WITHIN A FEW MINUTES, AND THAT'LL BE THE END OF **HER!** --- THINK WE OUGHT TO GIVE HER A CHECK FIRST?

WHAT FOR? EVERY HOUSE AROUND HERE HAS BEEN SCOUTED BY RESCUE SQUADRONS! IF THERE'D BEEN ANYONE IN THAT ONE, THEY'D HAVE BEEN TAKEN OFF **LONG** AGO! C'MON---LET'S CLEAR OUT OF HERE!



JUST THEN---



WHAT THE...AM I DREAMING?

NOT UNLESS YOU DREAM IN **TECHNICOLOR! FULL SPEED AHEAD!**



RESCUE WASN'T A MOMENT TOO SOON---

I---NEVER THOUGHT WE'D MAKE IT!

HURRY--- BEFORE WE'RE IN THE **WOLF RIVER!**



NARROWLY THEY AVOIDED THE DANGEROUS WATERWAY--- BUT THE OLD HOUSE WASN'T SO LUCKY---



WHY AREN'T YOU TALKING, WILL? INSTEAD, YOU'VE GOT THAT **REMEMBERING** LOOK IN YOUR FACE--

YES---I'M REMEMBERING WHAT AN OLD LADY TOLD ME SO MANY YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS A BAWLING KID WHO'D LOST HIS FIREWORKS! "I THINK IT WAS LOST FOR A **REASON**," SHE SAID, "AND SOMEDAY, WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST, IT'S **GOING TO TURN UP AGAIN!**" NO DOUBT ABOUT IT---**GRANDMA WAS RIGHT!**



THE END!

From **YOUR EDITOR-** to **YOU!**

Well, fans, here's our June issue—to you from us, with love! Hope you like it—particularly “*Rocket Pilot Robbins Reporting*”, which is somewhat of a new approach in the science fiction fare you'll find among our strange stories. Please tell us what you think of it, as well as all the features in “*Forbidden Worlds*”. Address your letter to The Editor, “*Forbidden Worlds*”, 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. We'll print it if space permits. And now—let's look at some of the mail that's come in from our readers!

“Dear Editor:—

I enjoy ‘*Forbidden Worlds*’ very much. Some of your letters say your stories are too imaginative—but remember that people thought the A-Bomb was science fiction, too!

—John Seidenburg, Atlantic City, N. J.”

Thanks for putting it so well, John! In the world we live in, today's fiction is tomorrow's truth. And we do our level best to keep our fiction fascinating!

“Dear Editor:—

Ever since I've been reading ‘*Forbidden Worlds*’, I kept saying it's the best comic I ever read. And it is, too! ‘*The Stand-In*’, in your No. 56 issue, was swell. ‘*Channel X*’ was good, too. ‘*The Land That Time Forgot*’ and ‘*Good Luck Ring*’ in the No. 48 issue, were wonderful. In fact, all your comics are good, and I don't want to miss an issue!

—Les Bernstein, Coral Gables, Fla.”

Nice to know that people have lovely opinions like these about us! But to be sincere, we aren't in complete agreement with you, Les. We feel that most of our stories are truly good, because we insist on the best writers and artists. But we do pull an occasional rock, because we're human. We try to keep these few and far between, however!

“Dear Editor:—

I like most of your longer stories, but I dislike short stories and science fiction stories. In your February edition, ‘*The Stranger On The Hill*’ was the only story I liked. As for the others, well, they were a

little bit corny. Most ‘*Forbidden Worlds*’ readers like stories that are different, so put your writers to work!

—Jerome Henkin, Brooklyn, N. Y.”

Sorry you found any of our stories even a little corny, Jerome—could this be due to the occasional rock we mentioned above? And do you other fans agree with this reader? As far as the other criticisms go, we've got to have short stories among the longer ones to balance out an issue. Also, the bulk of our readership is asking for science fiction, so we like to include at least one in every issue!

“Dear Editor:—

I have read many magazines similar to ‘*Forbidden Worlds*’, but in my opinion, none of them can come even close to the high rating that I give your magazine. I just finished reading your February issue, and I think that the story ‘*Shock*’ was the best, along with ‘*Something For The Children*’ and ‘*Stranger On The Hill*’. The other stories I didn't like too much, but we all can't be perfect—or can we?

—Murray Vale, Forest Hills, N. Y.”

We can try, Murray—which is what we're doing night and day. We're putting 100 percent of our efforts into making this the great and fascinating magazine which we feel our readers deserve. Keep watching our progress, please!

“Dear Editor:—

Last spring I bought one of your comics and I think it's great! I'm a science-fiction addict and I feel that ‘*Born To Rule*’ and ‘*The Road Back*’, both in the No. 59 issue, were the best stories I've ever read. Keep up the good work, ‘*Forbidden Worlds*’!

—Sammy Arnott, Wyandotte, Mich.”

*Science fiction, eh? Okay, Sammy—what do you think of “*Rocket Pilot Robbins*”, in this issue? But please don't forget that we're not exclusively science fiction, but run the whole gamut of strange and amazing tales!*

“Dear Editor:—

I think the bunk you put into your comics is a bad influence. Some of these stories sound as if some 3rd grader had written

them. The stories just aren't common sense, but I guess you can't help that.

—Stuart Clark, Moorestown, N. J."

This is your department, readers, and you have the right to criticise, because Heaven knows, we make our mistakes. But this isn't criticism, it's just plain insult. If there was anything in our magazine that was an unfavorable influence, it would not be passed by the Comics Code Authority. People like this reader would label the world's greatest classics as bad, just because they contained imagination and adventure! And about our writers being 3rd graders—well, one of them has just won \$46,000 on the \$64,000 Challenge! You should be such a 3rd grader, Stuart!

"Dear Editor:—

I want to compliment you on the fine job you are doing in 'Forbidden Worlds'. Out of all the fiction books I have read, I think yours is tops. You write the most down to earth stories I've ever read. Keep up the wonderful work!

—Joseph McCormack, Brooklyn, N. Y."

Thank you, Joseph. By "down to earth", we trust you mean the kind of yarn that's tailored for the interest and entertainment of our many readers. That's what we strive for. We want to give all you fans the pulsing excitement of strange and amazing stories—stories that don't talk down to you!

"Dear Editor:—

I think 'Forbidden Worlds' is the best comic on the market. I should know—my father owns a candy store! Your stories are great!

—Billy Schoolman, Rosedale, N. Y."

That sure is a testimonial, isn't it? After all, a boy whose dad owns a candy store sees all the comics magazines—so who should be in a better position to judge?

"Dear Editor:—

I've just received my December issue of 'Forbidden Worlds'. I would like to offer some hints to you in the hope that they may make this magazine the best on the stands. First of all, your greatest rival is 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. Therefore, you have a set goal to reach. I'd advise that you keep up your readers' department—I look forward to seeing that every month. Your one-page stories are usually fine. But you are letting your 'Annals Of The Occult' slip a bit. If you can do no better on

this feature, I advise you to drop it altogether. Your text stories are great—'Magic River' was quite interesting. Say, how about some more stories about space? I love intricate situations in outer space! Your December issue was not good on the whole. 'Enchanted Tree' wasn't too bad, but 'The Car That Came Alive' was miserable. 'Attu The Terrible' was the worst attempt you have ever made. 'The Foolproof Wishes' was the only good story. And now, onto your good stories in other issues. 'Dr. Marlin's Menagerie' was really wonderful. My heartiest congratulations. 'My Strange Godfather' was fairly good. But please, folks, no more stuff like 'Born To Rule'. That was mighty bad. In conclusion, I hope you will follow my advice and profit by it. For proof, take a look at the December issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. You will soon see what you are up against! Good luck! A hopeful admirer—

—Bobby Adolph, Flushing, N. Y."

Whew! Glad all of our fans aren't this stern with us! Obviously, here's a reader that knows what he likes and what he doesn't like. But apparently there's one thing he doesn't know, and that is that "Adventures Into The Unknown" is a full brother to "Forbidden Worlds". That's right—we put out both these fine magazines! We can't agree with all your opinions, Bobby, but we'll fight for your right to express them! Many folks loved to pieces the very stories you hated—and vice versa. By the way . . . we are running more space stories these days, and we hope you'll like them!

"Dear Editor:—

I just finished reading the February issue of 'Forbidden Worlds' way out here in Japan, and I think that 'Take It Easy' is just about the funniest and greatest science fiction story I ever read! Thanks!

—Paul Thomas, U. S. Army, Japan"

Good to learn that you boys in the Service are enjoying our efforts! You deserve the best, and we'll keep trying!

"Dear Editor:—

I've tried the rest—now I'll stay with the best! 'Forbidden Worlds' is the most interesting, exciting comic ever published!

—Charles Merton, Tuscaloosa, Ala."

If you like what you've read so far, just watch for coming issues! We've got great plans afoot for eye-filling, thrilling stories you'll never forget!

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COME QUICKLY! WE NEED FOOD, DOCTORS! SOMETHING FELL OUT OF THE SKY ON US!

IF THIS IS SOME PRANK YOU'LL REGRET IT! LEAD THE WAY!



A MEDICAL PARTY WAS HASTILY ASSEMBLED...

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WE'RE GOING AS FAST AS WE CAN! IF IT'S AS BAD AS YOU SAY, IT'S PROBABLY TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ALREADY!





"WE COULD NOT CONVERSE WITH THEM...THEIR TONGUE WAS STRANGE! BUT THEY SEEMED TO KNOW WHAT WAS NECESSARY! QUIETLY THEY WENT ABOUT OUR VILLAGE, TENDING THOSE WHO WERE HURT..."

WHO ARE THEY? THEY DO NOT LOOK HUMAN, AND YET THEY KNOW MORE THAN WE DO! SOMEHOW, I HAVE THE FEELING THAT THEY WISH TO MAKE AMENDS!



"WHEN THE WOUNDED WERE CARED FOR, THE ALIENS DISTRIBUTED FOOD AMONG US! THEY GAVE US OBJECTS WITH WHICH TO OPEN THE METAL CONTAINERS..."

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LET'S TAKE SOME OF THEM AS EVIDENCE! SURELY OUR SCHOLARS WILL DECIPHER THE LANGUAGE!



WHEN TIBETAN EXPERTS TOOK CHARGE OF THE CASE...

THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT...THE PRINTING ON THESE CANS IS IN A LANGUAGE UNKNOWN ON EARTH!

THAT IS TRUE! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE FOOD WITHIN? WHAT KIND IS IT?



AS THE MATTER WAS INVESTIGATED FURTHER...

THE CANS CONTAIN BOTH MEAT AND VEGETABLES...OF A KIND QUITE UNKNOWN ON OUR PLANET!

IN THAT CASE, THERE IS BUT ONE EXPLANATION!



IN TIME THERE WERE MANY EXPLANATIONS, BUT THE MOST ACCEPTED THEORY WAS...

I BELIEVE THAT A FLEET OF FLYING SAUCERS WAS MANEUVERING IN SPACE WHEN ONE EXPLODED AND HURTLED TO EARTH! THE REST OF THE FLEET INVESTIGATED, AND DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE UP FOR THE DISASTER IT HAD CAUSED...



THAT'S ONE ANSWER! WHAT'S YOURS, READER?

THE END!

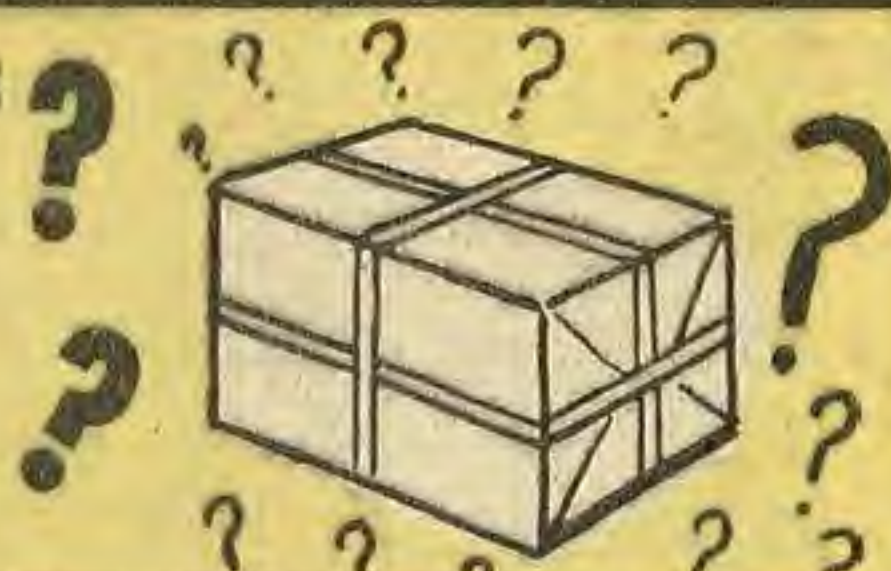
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